

8.B Medicare: Enrollment, Utilization, & Reimbursement

Table 8.B6.—Hospital Insurance: Number of bills approved for payment and amount reimbursed, by type of benefit and type of beneficiary, 1966–98

[In thousands. Includes only approved bills recorded in the Health Care Financing Administration records before March 31, 1999]

Year approved	Total ¹		Inpatient hospital ²		Home health		Skilled-nursing facilities ³	
	Number	Amount reimbursed	Number	Amount reimbursed	Number	Amount reimbursed	Number	Amount reimbursed
Total								
1966.....	1,979	\$824,367	1,866	\$821,362	34	\$2,113
1970.....	7,512	4,855,161	6,313	4,578,080	571	46,896	627	\$230,183
1975.....	10,318	10,414,195	8,687	10,006,206	1,07	145,631	553	262,358
1980.....	13,866	23,200,897	11,088	22,367,454	2,266	473,805	512	359,638
1985.....	15,615	37,533,351	10,352	35,414,544	4,747	1,656,411	515	462,396
1987.....	15,527	41,076,274	10,342	38,646,919	4,632	1,796,454	481	553,036
1988.....	15,608	43,507,272	10,283	40,736,827	4,608	1,889,195	597	753,494
1989.....	16,628	49,711,315	10,083	44,673,409	4,962	2,218,971	1,406	2,595,128
1990.....	18,601	54,945,466	10,563	49,073,758	6,420	3,323,471	1,405	2,232,385
1991.....	20,878	62,524,828	10,832	54,767,853	8,366	5,036,914	1,375	2,243,271
1992.....	24,137	76,907,208	11,548	65,795,031	10,436	7,093,126	1,638	3,135,100
1993.....	26,675	82,547,776	11,277	67,541,404	12,793	9,570,922	1,919	4,249,996
1994.....	29,824	91,060,249	11,659	71,643,912	15,037	12,142,181	2,255	5,689,462
1995.....	33,245	102,112,413	12,058	77,542,246	17,510	15,117,982	2,663	7,537,813
1996.....	34,543	108,485,843	11,965	80,600,536	18,507	16,420,316	3,004	9,450,872
1997.....	35,162	113,593,325	12,076	83,469,711	18,665	16,754,545	3,263	11,235,779
1998 ⁶	25,195	103,839,761	11,914	82,230,528	8,849	7,651,524	3,220	11,706,891
Persons aged 65 or older ⁴								
1973.....	8,080	\$6,550,708	6,980	\$6,297,814	624	\$60,549	476	\$192,345
1975.....	9,389	9,429,866	7,844	9,041,321	1,009	135,687	536	252,859
1980.....	12,287	20,357,667	9,705	19,580,817	2,097	436,589	485	340,250
1985.....	14,063	33,325,618	9,160	31,348,094	4,404	1,530,937	499	446,587
1987.....	13,999	36,627,064	9,159	34,355,504	4,307	1,664,255	465	532,334
1988.....	14,128	38,938,452	9,141	36,336,949	4,296	1,755,696	577	724,821
1989.....	15,039	44,200,304	8,901	39,460,554	4,624	2,059,947	1,347	2,468,838
1990.....	16,886	48,945,735	9,347	43,425,616	5,988	3,090,502	1,349	2,131,690
1991.....	18,989	55,704,568	9,565	48,415,586	7,810	4,686,633	1,325	2,152,813
1992.....	21,930	68,392,946	10,129	57,954,552	9,736	6,593,055	1,579	3,012,686
1993.....	24,221	73,189,681	9,828	59,143,290	11,898	8,851,159	1,848	4,079,698
1994.....	27,004	80,366,275	10,089	62,226,779	13,926	11,205,597	2,166	5,444,710
1995.....	29,999	89,705,886	10,358	66,856,897	16,139	13,868,913	2,550	7,188,849
1996.....	31,045	94,935,230	10,194	69,069,669	16,982	14,992,362	2,868	8,989,444
1997.....	31,592	99,427,952	10,296	71,500,016	17,097	15,254,422	3,108	10,670,060
1998 ⁶	22,387	90,111,268	10,100	69,961,317	8,083	6,937,802	3,060	11,092,306
Disabled persons ⁵								
1973.....	215	\$173,178	206	\$170,850	6	\$692	4	\$1,637
1975.....	929	984,329	843	964,885	69	9,944	17	9,499
1980.....	1,545	2,773,750	1,357	2,722,587	168	37,199	18	13,965
1983.....	1,772	4,174,624	1,407	4,052,658	346	105,995	18	15,971
1984.....	1,612	4,005,159	1,232	3,868,195	363	121,589	17	15,375
1985.....	1,552	4,207,733	1,192	4,066,450	343	125,474	16	15,809
1987.....	1,528	4,449,211	1,183	4,291,415	325	132,199	16	20,702
1988.....	1,480	4,568,819	1,142	4,399,878	312	133,498	20	28,673
1989.....	1,589	5,511,011	1,182	5,212,855	338	159,025	59	126,290
1990.....	1,715	5,999,731	1,216	5,648,141	431	232,969	56	100,695
1991.....	1,889	6,820,260	1,267	6,352,267	555	350,282	50	90,459
1992.....	2,207	8,514,262	1,419	7,840,479	701	500,071	59	122,414
1993.....	2,454	9,358,094	1,448	8,398,114	895	719,762	71	170,298
1994.....	2,821	10,693,974	1,570	9,417,133	1,111	936,584	89	244,752
1995.....	3,246	12,406,526	1,700	10,685,348	1,371	1,249,069	113	348,964
1996.....	3,498	13,550,613	1,771	11,530,867	1,525	1,427,955	136	461,428
1997.....	3,570	14,165,372	1,780	11,969,695	1,568	1,500,123	154	565,720
1998 ⁶	2,807	13,727,493	1,813	12,269,211	768	713,722	159	614,585

¹ Data on approved bills for hospice services are included in total after 1986.

² The Social Security Amendments of 1983 (P.L. 98-21) replace (for most hospitals) the retrospective cost reimbursement system and the cost-per-case limits and rate of increase ceiling created by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982. Effective with hospital cost-reporting periods beginning on or after Oct. 1, 1983, Medicare payments for inpatient operating costs are to be based on a fixed amount, determined in advance, for each case, according to one of 511 diagnosis related groups (DRGs) into which a case is classified. The prospective payment is considered payment in full; hospitals are prohibited from charging beneficiaries more than the statutory deductible and coinsurance. Additional payments, determined by nondiagnostic criteria, are made to hospitals by the program for various "pass-through" costs and additional adjustments. These additional payments are not included in the inpatient hospital billing amounts reimbursed shown in this table.

³ Coverage began Jan. 1, 1967.

⁴ Beginning Oct. 1, 1978, includes a relatively small number of persons entitled to benefits solely because of end-stage renal disease.

⁵ Includes a relatively small number of persons under age 65 entitled to benefits solely because of end-stage renal disease.

⁶ Data for 1998 are incomplete due to bill processing lags. Due to BBA provisions, Part A now has a 100 visit limit and additional Home Health services will be billed under Part B.

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